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Expedited Procedure - Group 2623

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Dastouri
HIROSHI SATOMI)
: Group Art Unit: 2623
Application No.: 09/406,721)
: Filed: September 28, 1999)
: For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
: OF PROCESSING)
: CHARACTERS) April 8, 2004

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, the term for responding to which having been extended to April 10, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: